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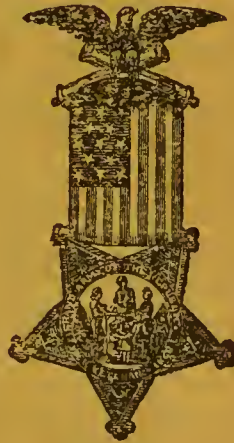
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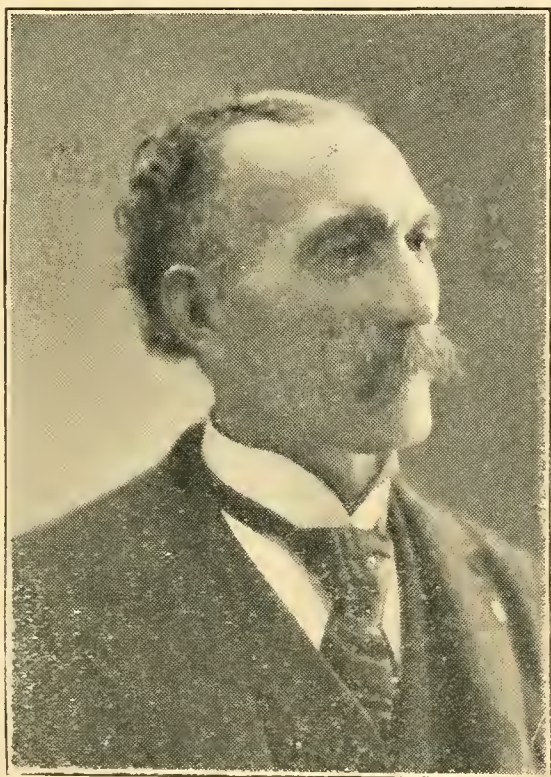
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CUSTER POST No. 140 G. A. R.

At every board, a silent chair
Fills with quick tears some tender eye,
And at our maddest sport appear
Those well loved forms that will not die.
We lift the glass, our hand is stayed,
We jest, a specter rises up,
And weeping, though no word is said,
We kiss, and pass the silent cup.

George A. Custer Post, No. 140, of the Department of Wisconsin, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized



John F. Miles
Commander.

in this city, Tuesday, February 19, 1884. It has had a total membership of 130 veterans, of whom about 40 died in Ashland, and are buried in one of

the Ashland cemeteries. Of the entire roster, there remains a membership at present of thirty-five veterans, many of the former members now residing in other states. The Ashland Weekly Press, of the date of February 23, 1884, contains the following account of the formation of the first Grand Army post in this city:

"Captain C. N. Davis of Merrilan instituted a post of the Grand Army of the Republic here on Tuesday evening last. A large number of our soldier citizens were inducted into the workings of the order, and an organization with the following gentlemen for officers was created:

"Post commander, W. W. Paddock.

"Senior vice-commander, J. J. Miles.

"Junior, vice-commander, J. F. Childs.

"Quartermaster, John H. Knight.

"Surgeon, C. T. Bowen.

"Chaplain, W. B. Snider.

"Officer of the day, D. G. Sampson.

"Officer of the guard, C. L. Judd.

"Adjutant, C. L. Haring.

"Sergeant major, G. O. Peckham.

"Quartermaster sergeant, J. W. Meagher."

The Press also made the comment that "the post here starts out under favorable auspices, and in the hands of the present officers, must surely take a prominent part among the posts of the state."

There were at that time, seventeen pensioners in Ashland county, to wit: Francis Cahill, Caleb F. Bowen, Hugh

B. Whittell, John J. Miles, Charles L. Judd, Charles H. Western, John J. Metzgar, John Myers, Ferdinand Froeshel, William Baatz, Peter Hockner, Ezra W. Ellis, Ira D. Eble, Henry Elsner, Adam Schnur, John Stehwin and Mary A. Chase.

The first post of the Grand Army of the United States was instituted at Decatur, Illinois, April 6, 1866, and the first national encampment was held at Indianapolis, Indiana, November 20, 1866. There is at the present



William Chapple
Adjutant.

time, a circular letter, officially designated as "general orders No. 5," being distributed among the G. A. R. posts of the country, by command of Commander in Chief Thomas J. Stewart, of the national G. A. R., recommending the payment of ten cents or more by each member of the order in good standing, to erect a \$25,000 monument at Washington to the memory of Benjamin F. Stephenson, founder of

the Grand Army of the Republic, and its first commander in chief.

It is a significant fact, that Memorial or Decoration day, was organized only a short time from the first organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. To General John A. Logan has been ascribed the honor of being the founder of Decoration day, and it is now a holiday in all the states and territories except Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas. In Virginia there is observed what is known as "Confederate Memorial day." Memorial or Decoration day is not a national holiday, in fact, there is no national holiday, not even the Fourth of July, and there is no federal statute on the subject.

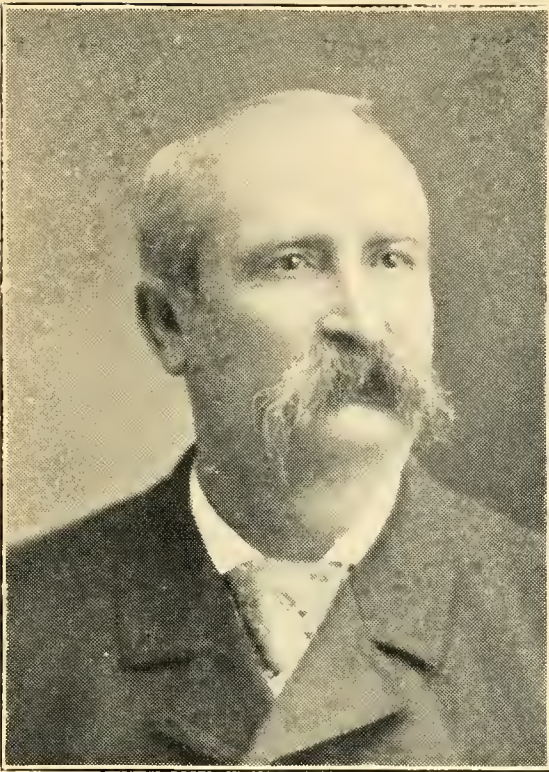
George A. Custer Women's Relief corps No. 78 was organized four years after the G. A. R. post. The W. R. C. meet the first and third Fridays of each month, and Custer post meeting the second and fourth Saturday, both in Brownstone hall. The members of both organizations are "getting along in years" now. It is almost forty years since the war of the rebellion closed, and it is more than forty years since the stirring scenes in which these men and women participated, a period that tried men's souls. There is no period in the history of any nation that brought out a citizen soldiery like that which saved the union in the 60's and the nation owes them its eternal gratitude.

The following is a complete muster roll of Custer post No. 140, G. A. R., of Ashland, Wisconsin.

C. L. Harring, 88th Illinois infantry, 3 years.

J. W. Meagher, 41st Ohio volunteer infantry, 3 years

W. W. Paddock, 14th Ohio volun-



Captain McFadden
Officer of the Day.

teer infantry, 1 year and 11 months.

C. W. Hopkins, 4th Maine volunteer infantry, 3 years and 8 months.

C. P. Pease, 1st Michigan volunteer infantry, 1 year 6 months.

John H. Knight, 1st Delaware infantry, 9 years and 6 months.

D. G. Sampson, 36th Illinois volunteer infantry.

W. H. Clay, 6th Wisconsin infantry, 3 years and 4 months.

E. A. Shores, 20th Indiana volunteer infantry, 4 years.

G. O. Peckham, 11th Iowa volunteer infantry, 4 years and 1 month.

H. Brinker, 20th Ohio volunteer cavalry, 3 year 2 months.

C. L. Judd, 10th New York volunteer artillery, 3 years.

W. B. Snider, 50th Illinois volunteer infantry, length of service unknown.

J. F. Childs, 27th Michigan volunteer infantry, 3 years.

C. T. Bowen, 4th Rhode Island volunteer infantry, length of service unknown.

James Holton, 78th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, length of service unknown.

D. H. Haner, 2nd Iowa volunteer infantry, length of service unknown.

J. J. Miles, 44th Illinois volunteer infantry, 2 years 6 months.

Miles Semple, 34th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 11 months.

William V. Chase, 33rd Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 3 years.

P. F. Runnell, regiment and length of service unknown.

Henry Murphy, 1st Pennsylvania Bucktails, length of service unknown.

Benamin F. Sparks, regiment and length of service unknown.

J. S. Dyer, New York heavy artillery, 20 months.

W. I. Chase, 9th Maine infantry, 19 months.

E. R. Green, 2nd Minnesota cavalry, 2 years.

Robert Inglis, 20th Maine infantry, 3 years and 6 months.

William Seegar, 4th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 4 years and 6 months.

David J. Coleman, regiment and length of service unknown.

John Adley, Jr., 30th Maine veterans, 2 years.

John McCarty, 3rd New York cavalry, 21 months.

Albert H. Soakland, 1st Indiana infantry, 3 years.

D. B. Palmer, 38th Ohio volunteer infantry, 3 years.

John Gifford, 3rd Vermont volunteer infantry, 2 years.

C. H. Vanburen, Chicago Mercantile battery, 2 years.

Peter Stefan, 98th National Guard, New York, 1 year.

B. S. Philbrich, 27th Michigan infantry, 3 years.

J. B. Sutter, 127th Illinois volunteer infantry, 2 years

Rolla Baker, 186th New York volunteer infantry, 1 year.

F. M. Herrick, heavy artillery, 2 yrs

Myron B. Conklin, 94th New York infantry, 3 years.

John Pasque, U. S. navy, 2 years.

infantry, 2 years.

F. Cahill, 1st New Hampshire volunteer infantry, 3 months.

S. W. Potter, 10th New York heavy artillery, 2 years and 10 months.

Albert Isherman, 13th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 1 year and 8 months.

Daniel J. Seyler, 9th New York heavy artillery, 6 months.

R. M. Peters, 12th Wisconsin in-



E. A. Shores

Quartermaster, and Ex-Department Commander of Wisconsin.

E. F. Barnes, 2nd Maine cavalry, 4 months.

Nathan Terwilliger, 50th New York engineers, 4 months.

Emanuel Bloom, 65th New York volunteer, 13 months.

Matts Mattson, 1st regular Minnesota heavy artillery, 7 months.

John Holmes, 2nd New York rifles, 5 months.

James Hamilton, 27th Michigan

infantry, 11 months.

S. E. Sweet, 6th Wisconsin light artillery, 3 years and 6 months.

Dwight G. Weaver, 39th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 2 years.

H. L. Edwards, 23rd Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 2 years and 9 months.

A. Darrow, 19th Ohio volunteer infantry, 3 months.

Michael Murry, 3rd United States infantry, 3 years and 1 month.

J. D. Ward, regiment and length of service unknown.

W. G. Bancroft, 42nd Wisconsin infantry, 10 months.

Philo B. Page, 20th Wisconsin infantry, 4 years.

J. A. Hunt, 4th Wisconsin cavalry, 1 year 4 months.

John Elsner, 26th Wisconsin infantry, 3 years.

S. M. Skeels, 10th Pennsylvania infantry, 1 year.

Francis W. Shaw, 3rd Ohio cavalry, 3 years.

James H. Donihue, 10th Michigan infantry, 2 years.

J. C. Boutin, 27th Wisconsin infantry, 3 years.

J. M. Smith, 114th Ohio infantry, 3 years.

Silas T. Hewitt, 1st Wisconsin cavalry, 4 years.

James Patton, 14th New York cavalry, 2 years.

Chas. H. Toillier, 11th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 6 months.

Samuel W. Bird, 35th Illinois infantry, 3 years and 3 months.

T. B. Hill, 1st Wisconsin cavalry, 10 months.

John T. Gonyou, 27th Wisconsin infantry, 3 years.

Peter McKenna, 17th Wisconsin infantry, 1 year.

Charles E. Van Vlack, 89th Illinois infantry, 34 months.

R. R. McMullen, 35th New York infantry, 3 years and 2 months.

Edwin W. Mowrey, 16th U. S. infantry, 2 years.

Charles N. Davis, 1st Wisconsin cavalry, 1 year 7 months.

William H. Parker, 11th Maine infantry, 1 year.

John Carlin, 49th Wisconsin infantry, 10 months.

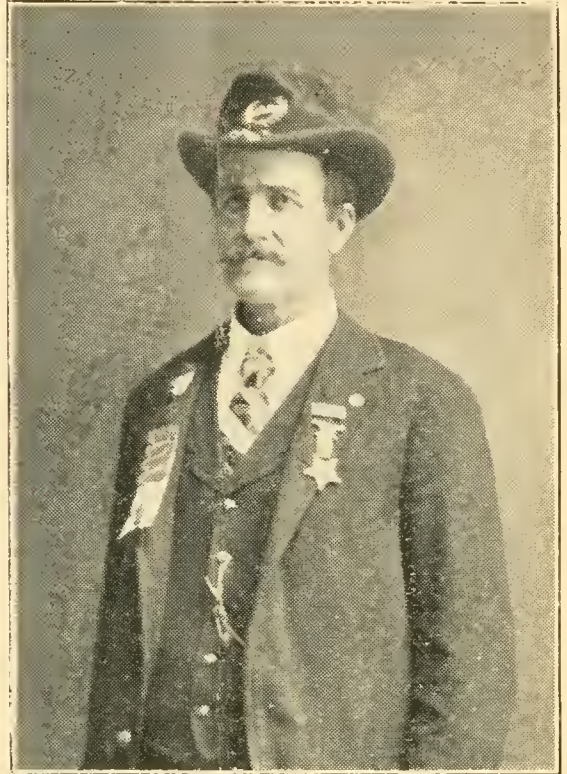
Thomas Hanlon, U. S. artillery, 3 years.

Joseph Stevens, 3rd Michigan infantry, 3 years and 1 month.

George R. Newcombe, Fremont Guards, 2 years and 2 months.

Zacheus R. Slover, 35th Wisconsin infantry, 2 years.

Zenas Maxim, 37th Wisconsin infantry, 1 year and 6 months.



L. M. Bennett

Senior Vice.

Francis Glab, 21st Iowa volunteer infantry, 3 years.

Milford Nye, 11th Maine infantry, 9 months.

J. L. Sayles, 106th New York infantry, 3 years.

Harry C. Haggerty, 73rd Indiana infantry, 3 years.

George H. Downie, 37th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 11 months.

H. L. Brackinreed, 2nd Vermont volunteer infantry, 3 years and 6 months.



Stanley E. Lathrop
Chaplain.

Thomas Stewart, 14th Wisconsin infantry, 4 years.

Dewitt C. Dickenson, 147th New York infantry, 1 year.

John K. Shephard, 6th Ohio battery, 2 years.

Orlando McNabb, 155th Indiana infantry, 7 months.

Frederick F. Hubbell, 5th U. S. artillery, 3 years.

John F. Miles, 2nd Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 1 year and 2 months.

Fred Weingertz, 16th Wisconsin infantry, 3 years.

A. C. Hopkins, regiment and time of service unknown.

J. F. Van Dooser, Minnesota volunteer infantry, length of service fifteen months.

Ernest Moeckel, 48th Wisconsin infantry, 22 years.

Levi Claymen, 6th Wisconsin battery, 3 years.

Louis Frichel, 138th Illinois infantry, 4 months.

Alden Norton, 10th New Hampshire volunteer infantry, 7 months.

L. B. Lavine, 49th Wisconsin infantry, 9 months.

August Myers, 32nd Iowa infantry, 3 years.

Nathan Wharton, Co. D. 92nd Ohio volunteer infantry, 6 months.

Wallace Potter, 161st Ohio National Guards, 7 months.

Freeman Stubbs, 37th Illinois infantry, 4 months.

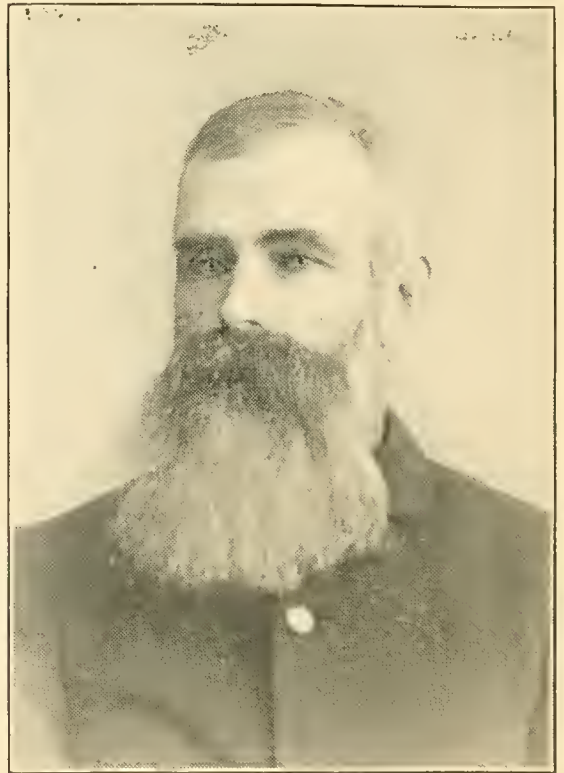
John H. Foster, 1st Maine cavalry, 4 years and 8 months.

Fred Kruse, 34th New York infantry, 1 year.

Henry A. Brooks, 3rd Wisconsin infantry, 3 years.

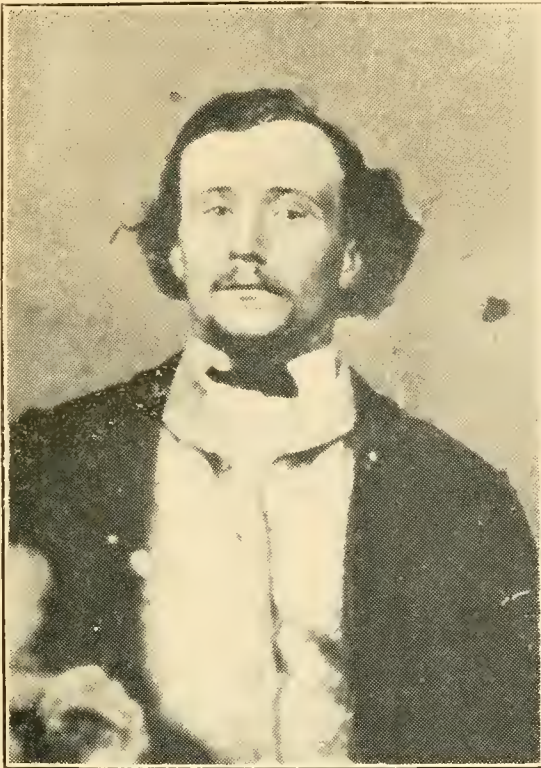
E. W. Brady, 135 Pennsylvania reserve, 1 year.

Henry Condeacon, 1st Michigan infantry, 1 year.



Joseph Stevens

Twice Commander of Custer Post, and Second Commander of the Second Post Organized in Michigan.



Ferdinand Weinkoetz
Junior Vice.

(From a tintype taken thirty years ago).

John Basner, 1st Wisconsin infantry, 1 year.

Joseph Scott, 38th Wisconsin infantry, 10 months.

Thomas Finnigan, 2nd New York infantry, 3 years.

Joseph Mitchell, 2th Michigan infantry, 9 months.

Stanley E. Lathrop, 1st Wisconsin calvary, 3 years and 6 months.

John E. Egge, 3rd Iowa infantry, 4 years.

John Bird, 1st Michigan infantry, 10 months.

Samuel C Sanford, 18th Wisconsin infantry, 3 years and 3 months.

Loren M. Bennet, 21st Wisconsin infantry, 3 years.

Lambert Nelson, 9th Wisconsin infantry, 1 year.

H. U. Beck, 172nd Ohio infantry, 4 months.

W. H. Morris, 1st Rhode Island battery, 2 years.

M. S. McFadden, 7th Pennsylvania cavalry, 4 years and 6 months.

Mike Ducate, 2nd Minnesota cavalry, 2 years and 4 months.

Lambert Nelson, 9th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, 1 year.

William Chapple, 21st Iowa volunteer infantry, 3 years.

William M. Horton, 1st Wisconsin calvery, 3 years and 1 month.

Deceased comrades of Custer post, buried in the Post lot at Mt. Hope cemetery.

The number preceding the name indicates the burial lot, as shown on the accompanying diagram:

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South.

1. Geo. A. Bradbury, 17th Wisconsin volunteer infartry, died 1886.

2. D. P. Palmer, 38th Ohio volunteer infantry, died November 25, 1885.

3. Thos. Rutter, 97th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, died June 18, 1888.

4. M. L. Best, 93rd Ohio volunteer infantry, died March 6, 1892.

5. Amasa Picket, 48th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, died December 16, 1887.

6. Emannel Bloom, 65th New York volunteer infantry, died April 26, 1888.

7. Johnathan Nicholson, no record, died May 2, 1892.

8. Albert C. Platts, no record, died October 21, 1892.

9. Frank Yoeman, no record, died October 21, 1892.

10. W. W. Evarts, 1st Minnesota volunteer infantry, died January 29, 1889.

11. C. E. Leach, 1st Maine volunteer infantry, died April, 1884.

12. Wm. Meagher, 44th Ohio volunteer infantry, died June 18, 1893.

13. John Adley, 30th Maine volunteer infantry, died August 13, 1893.

14. Perry Hagerty, 73rd Indiana volunteer infantry, died January 22, 1894.

15. H. L. Brackenreid, 2nd New York volunteer infantry, died December 8, 1894.

16. Milford Nye, 11th Maine volunteer infantry.

17. J. A. Norton, 10th New Hampshire volunteer infantry, died May 10, 1897.

18. H. L. Richmond, no record, died December 4, 1894.

19. Wallace Potter, 10th New York heavy artillery, died November 25, 1885.

20. W. I. Chase, 9th Maine volunteer infantry, died January 9, 1899.

21. Silas T. Hewitt, 1st Wisconsin cavalry, died February 12, 1899.

22. Ralph B. Clark, 106th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, died February 14, 1899.

23. John McCane, no record, died March 15, 1899.

24. Francis Cahill, 1st New Hampshire volunteer infantry, died June 26, 1890.

25. Edward G. Hull, no record, died February 28, 1890.

26. Alex Goekey, 36th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, died July 23, 1890.

27. H. W. Van Orman, 21st Michigan volunteer infantry, died November 18, 1897.

The following soldiers are buried in Mt. Hope cemetery, but not in the Post lot:

James Payton alias Frank Donahue, 14th New York cavalry, died January 3, 1890.

John F. Childs, 27th Michigan volunteer infantry, January 5, 1890.

Edward Conners, no record, died November 28, 1885.

Mitchel Ducate, 2nd Minnesota cavalry, died August 4, 1892.

A. Darrow, 19th Ohio volunteer infantry, date of death not recorded.

J. D. Ward, regiment unknown, died April 19, 1886.

Nathan Terwilliger, 50th New York engineers, died March 15, 1903.

Robert Hall, regiment unknown, died April 12, 1903.

Henry Brinker, 2nd Ohio volunteer cavalry.

The following soldiers are buried in St. Agnes cemetery:

1. Andrew Mislin, no record, died March 5, 1895.

2. Unknown.

3. Unknown.

4. Joseph Smith, no record, died March 25, 1899.

5. Alex Morisette, 19th Illinois volunteer infantry.

6. Michael Murray, 3rd U. S. cavalry.

7. Louis Cartier, 3rd Michigan volunteer infantry.

8. John Elsner, 26th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, died May 26, 1902.

